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Reference: Freedom of Information Act Request **EPA-HQ-2017-008950**

Dear Ms. Santos:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 20, 2017, and is prepared in accordance with the FOIA. You requested a copy of the Work Assignments, including Performance Work Statements (PWS), under EP-C-12-023.

You can download the contract documents from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) FOIA system, FOIAonline.

The estimated cost and fixed fee, are withheld from the requested documents.

The withheld information has been claimed confidential business information. In accordance with EPA's Class Determination I-95 (located at <http://www.epa.gov/oam/foia/i95.pdf>), the withheld information is exempt from disclosure under Title 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4) of the FOIA, as it constitutes trade secrets or commercial or financial information obtained from a person and considered privileged or confidential. Accordingly, it is the policy of the EPA not to disclose such information.

As noted above, the information withheld under Exemption 4 will be sent to the appropriate legal office to issue a final confidentiality determination. Therefore, you do not need to appeal the information withheld pursuant to Exemption 4. Once the legal office issues a final confidentiality determination, EPA will notify you whether the information qualifies for confidential treatment or may be released.

If you would like to appeal any Exemption 4 withholdings upheld by legal, you may appeal to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), E-mail: hq.foia@epa.gov. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must

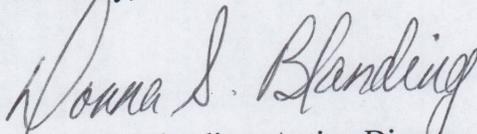
address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20004. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should clearly identify the determination being appealed, including the assigned FOIA request number shown above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "**Freedom of Information Act Appeal.**"

The "Bill for Collection" requesting payment is in the amount of **\$448.00**. Assurance of payment was received from your e-mail dated January 30, 2015. Please return the top portion of the form with your check or money order, payable to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and forward your remittance to the address provided in the bill of collection.

In a continued effort to streamline the FOIA process, EPA offers the option to pay your FOIA bill on-line. There is no requirement for you to use the on-line system to pay your bill, but if you choose to do so, please go to www.pay.gov and follow the simple instructions. Please enter your FOIA request number to ensure proper payment.

Should there be any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact DeEdria J. Pierce of my staff at (202) 564-4393 or via e-mail at pierce.deedria@epa.gov and reference for identification purposes **EPA-HQ-2016- 008950**.

Sincerely,



Donna S. Blanding, Acting Director
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